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SUMMARY: SADAT SEES "UNDERSTANDING" ON BROAD OUTLINES OF
COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT FOLLOWING TALKS WITH WEIZMAN.
SADAT SAYS DISCUSSIONS AND
NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED IN CAIRO PRIOR TO GOING TO
GENEVA. WEIZMAN DECLARES OPTIMISM. INTENSIVE COVERAGE
UPBEAT AND NOTES REMAINING DIFFERENCES WILL BE DISCUSSED
BY SADAT AND BEGIN. END SUMMARY.

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1. SADAT OPTIMISTIC. IN REMARKS TO NBC FOLLOWING SECOND
MEETING WITH WEIZMAN DEC 21, SADAT SAID "MUTUAL UNDER-
STANDING REGARDING BROAD OUTLINES OF AGREEMENT AND PARTICU-
LARS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE." SAID DETAILS
WERE FULLY DISCUSSED BETWEEN GAMASY AND WEIZMAN AND WILL
BE FURTHER EXAMINED WHEN WEIZMAN RETURNS WITH BEGIN.
SADAT ADDED THAT WEIZMAN VISIT TOOK PLACE WITHIN FRAME-

WORK "OF KEEN JOINT EFFORTS TO REACH A
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.," AND THAT ALL DISCUSSIONS AND
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT WOULD BE SETTLED
IN CAIRO BEFORE GOING TO GENEVA.

2. AKBAR CHAIRMAN MUSA SABRI REPORTED THAT WEIZMAN-GAMASY
TALKS DEC 20/21 LASTED ELEVEN HOURS AND COVERED IN DETAIL
ALL ASPECTS OF COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. MILITARY ASPECTS
DISCUSSED ON BASIS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRI-
TORY AND PEACE GUARANTEES. ARRANGEMENTS TO PREVENT "WAR
BY MISTAKE" ALSO DISCUSSED, AND ONE PROPOSAL WAS FOR
HOT LINE BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI MILITARY. SABRI
WENT ON TO DENY FLATLY ANY STORIES THAT TALKS DEALT WITH
NEW PARTIAL SINAI WITHDRAWAL AS SIGN OF GOOD WILL. WITH-
DRAWAL DISCUSSED ONLY IN FRAMEWORK OF COMPREHENSIVE
SETTLEMENT. STRESSED THERE NO INTENTION REACH PARTIAL
AGREEMENTS.

3. ACCORDING SABRI, GAMASY AND WEIZMAN REACHED AGREEMENT
"ON SOME POLITICAL AND MILITARY QUESTIONS," BUT THERE
WERE ALSO DISAGREEMENTS, LATTER WILL BE MAIN TOPIC OF DIS-
CUSSION WHEN BEGIN MEETS WITH SADAT. OTHER REPORTS
"LEARN" THAT SADAT'S TALKS WITH BEGIN WILL CONCENTRATE ON
A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF WITHDRAWAL AND ON PALES-
TINIAN PROBLEM.

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4. WEIZMAN OPTIMISTIC. FRONT PAGES QUOTED WEIZMAN REMARK
TO EGYPTIAN INTERLOCUTORS "I AM NOW NEARER TO OPTIMISM BUT
WE MUST AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS." BEN-ELISSAR
RETURNING FROM WEIZMAN SENDOFF STATED PEACE NEGOTIATIONS
"WERE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS." SAID GAMASY "A VERY HONEST
MAN WHOSE CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY DIFFER TOTALLY WITH
PICTURE PRESENTED BY ISRAEL'S DOSSIER ON HIM." EILTS

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